



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: November 17, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Resolution of Appreciation for Downtown Circulator Task Force**

Recommendation:

Recommend City Council approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for the work of the Downtown Circulator Task Force.

Previous Directives:

Council action creating and charging the Downtown Circulator Task Force in February 1999.
Committee action receiving the Task Force draft Report on October 28, 2003.

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Robert Morgan, P.E., Transportation and Parking Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.

(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

The City Council created the Downtown Circulator Task Force on February 19, 1999 and gave it the following Charge:

"Evaluate proposed Downtown Circulator routes and recommend preferred alternative for coordination with LRT service; propose Circulator vehicle; recommend service headways; recommend and assist in identifying and securing funding for Circulator implementation and operation so the Circulator can begin operation in advance of LRT beginning revenue operation."

The Task Force prepared a comprehensive draft Report that was presented to your Committee on October 28, 2003. Following this presentation, the City Engineer was directed to return to your Committee today with recommendations for implementing the Downtown Circulator.

The Task Force, and in particular its Chair, Charlie Ferrell, have put in a great deal of time and effort to develop the recommendations and supporting documentation presented to your Committee last cycle. Based largely on their efforts, we believe the Downtown Circulator will be implemented with LRT essentially as recommended by the Task Force.

Your Committee Members individually expressed their appreciation to the Task Force following their presentation last cycle. We believe a formal City Council Resolution would be an appropriate recognition of their efforts.

cc: Council Member Lisa Goodman
Charles Ferrell, Chair Downtown Circulator Task Force

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By Council Member Colvin Roy

Whereas, The City Council created the Downtown Circulator Task Force (Task Force) on February 19, 1999 and named Charles Ferrell as Chair; and

Whereas, The Council charged the Task Force to: "Evaluate proposed Downtown Circulator routes and recommend preferred alternative for coordination with LRT service; propose Circulator vehicle; recommend service headways; recommend and assist in identifying and securing funding for Circulator implementation and operation so the Circulator can begin operation in advance of LRT beginning revenue operation."; and

Whereas, the Task Force has responded to its charge, has developed a Downtown Circulator Plan, proposed the desired type of vehicle, prepared and presented its Report to the Transportation and Public Works Committee; and

Whereas, the Task Force has made a large contribution to resolving congestion in Downtown and increasing the area's focus on transit; and

Whereas, the Transportation and Public Works Committee has received this Report and has expressed its appreciation to the Task Force for their efforts; and

Whereas, the City Engineer has been directed to develop recommendations for implementation of the Downtown Circulator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS:

That it expresses its sincere appreciation to the Downtown Circulator Task Force, and to its Chair, Charles Ferrell, for their dedication, time, and hard work in responding successfully to the charge assigned them by the City Council.